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Happy Friday everyone!

SILGA is pleased to announce their 2021 Virtual Speaker Series starts on February 17th. The sessions run every Wednesday at lunch or at 2:00 pm for approximately 50 minutes as a lead up to the SILGA AGM on April 28th. We've got a fantastic lineup of speakers and presentations who will provide ideas and expertise to help us navigate our way through the pandemic and see what the world will look like after life gets back to normal.

For all the information on each presentation, please see the attached brochure or go to the SILGA website at <http://silga.ca/convention/program/>

Cost is \$200 for all the sessions (which also includes the AGM) or \$40 for individual sessions. These sessions are open to both elected local officials and staff.

To register: Go to <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2021/SILGA>

Thanks for supporting this SILGA initiative! See you on the 17th.

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2021 SILGA

COVID Chaos - COVID Convenience
COVID Crystal Ball

Speakers Series

SILGA is pleased to announce the following line up of presenters for their virtual speaker series. Every Wednesday, starting on February 17th, you can listen to an expert in a variety of fields as they provide ideas and expertise to navigate our way through the pandemic and see what the world will look like after life gets back to normal. Each session will run approximately 50 minutes and include an opportunity for you to ask questions. You can register for one, several or all the sessions. Registration is now open on Civic Info. Cost is \$200 for all the sessions, including the upcoming AGM on April 28th or \$40/session.

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February 17th 12:00 pm

North Shore Neighbourhood Plan and Integrated Community Planning - Jason Locke, City of Kamloops

This presentation will explore the City of Kamloops process to review and update the 2008 North Shore Neighbourhood Plan. The presentation will discuss the planning process, how it integrates with other city plans/initiatives, tools used to engage the community, and key lessons learned.



Jason Locke is the Community Planning and Sustainability Manager for the City of Kamloops responsible for overseeing and managing long-range planning and sustainability initiatives such as the Official Community Plan, neighbourhood plans, and the city's growth strategy. As a community planner, Jason has a special interest in community development, land use, and sustainability and is passionate about helping communities create great places in which to live, work, and play.

February 24th 12:00 pm

Local Government Advocacy & the COVID-19 Pandemic - UBCM President Brian Frenkel

This session will provide an update on the work of UBCM to advance local government interests in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The session will explore opportunities for the advancement of shared priorities with the government through 2021 and beyond.

Brian has served on the District of Vanderhoof Council since 1995 and has served on the UBCM Executive since 2014. Through Brian's service as a Councillor and as a UBCM Board member, he has worked to ensure community engagement on all files that affect local government, which he believes is paramount to the success of the province. Local governments are at the core of economic recovery surrounding their communities and should be an integral partner in government to government policy decisions.



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March 3rd 12:00 pm

Communications Panel on Connectivity - Jeff Cruikshank, General Manager, Customer Solutions Delivery, Southern Interior, TELUS and Kiersten Enemark, Government Relations Director BC, Shaw Communications

Never has connectivity been more important in today's world. This session will explore what local governments can do to accelerate connectivity. You will hear from your local providers how they are bridging the digital divide, improving access to connectivity and supporting economic development.

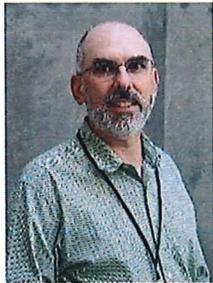
Jeff has spent the past 25 years in the communications industry in a variety of leadership, sales and operational roles. Re-joined TELUS 18 months ago as the Kelowna-based General Manager for the Southern Interior (Okanagan-Kootenays). Outside of the office I have spent over 2 decades competing and coaching at the local, national and international levels. I also sit on the Thompson-Okanagan Community Board for TELUS and also currently support grassroots coaching initiatives in Kelowna."



Kiersten joined the Government Relations team at Shaw Communications in 2015. Prior to starting at Shaw, Kiersten has over 20 years' experience working in telecommunications, engaging with governments, communities and First Nation communities in B.C., Alberta, Quebec, Ontario as well as in the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Kiersten has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Concordia University, Montreal and a Certificate in Dialogue and Civic Engagement from SFU.

March 10th 2:00 pm

Double Trouble Crisis in Health Care – Interior Health Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Albert de Villiers



How is Interior Health dealing with the two current public emergencies – COVID 19 and Opioid addictions - from a population health perspective.

Dr. de Villiers completed his medical and specialty training in South Africa and as a Public Health and Preventative Medicine Specialist, he has spent the last 20 years working in northern Canada. After three years in Thompson, Manitoba, he moved to the role of Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health, for Alberta Health Services (AHS). Dr. de Villiers was also the lead Medical Officer of Health for Emergency/Disaster Management for AHS and served as President of the Alberta Medical Association Section of Public Health and Preventative Medicine. Dr. de Villiers has been in his current role with Interior Health since August 2020.

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March 17th 12:00 pm

Community-Engaged Research in the Time of COVID-19: Why We Need to Think Beyond a Project Focus
TRU Professor Dr. Will Garrett Petts

Thompson Rivers University's new Vision Statement includes a commitment to "community-engaged research," promising the power of TRU's institutional resources to address and solve challenges facing communities through enhanced, long-term collaborations. It opens the door to increased and sustained faculty and student involvement in





mutually beneficial partnerships with community organizations and groups. Dr. Garrett-Petts' talk will report on how two new initiatives—a cultural mapping of the opioid crisis, and a researcher-in-residence agreement with the City of Kamloops—provide new possibilities and models for community-university partnerships.



Dr. Will Garrett-Petts is Professor and Associate Vice-President of Research and Graduate Studies at Thompson Rivers University. He is former Research Director of the Small Cities Community-University Research Alliance—a national research program exploring the cultural future of smaller communities. His recent books include *Artistic Approaches to Cultural Mapping*; *Cultural Mapping as Cultural Inquiry*; *Whose Culture is it, Anyway? Community Engagement in Small Cities*; and *The Small Cities Book: On the Cultural Future of Small Cities*.

March 24th 12:00 pm

Perpetual Pivot: How the Best Leaders Adapt to Chaos - Dr. Mark DeVolder

Never before have leaders faced our current level of fast and extreme change, where chaos, disruption and crisis have become the norm. Mark asks, how do we successfully navigate through such a world? His answer is that we must learn the skills of Perpetual Pivot, a continuous process of adapting, reinvention and anticipation. Mark explains that the hardest part of change is the transition. Consequently, he shows leaders how to traverse through the maze. Deeply practical, leaders will learn how to walk through the door of uncertainty into the future, armed with tools to successfully navigate transitions.

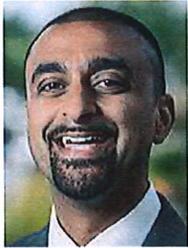


Dr. Mark DeVolder is the Change Specialist and a pioneer in the field of transition management. Unique in the industry, DeVolder is one of the few speakers who teaches leaders how to change.

March 31st 2:00 pm

Come chat with Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation Ravi Kahlon

How can local governments work together to get BC back on track in its economic recovery?



Prior to becoming Minister, Ravi was the Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Born and raised in Victoria, Ravi was introduced to Field Hockey by his father and grandfather. He is a two time Olympian in the sport for Team Canada and has been inducted into the Delta Sports Hall of Fame.

Prior to his election as an MLA, Ravi spent seven years in banking, and another six years working with the New Democrat Caucus as Director of Stakeholder Relations.





April 7th

The Role of Universities in Regional Recovery – TRU President Dr. Brett Fairbairn

Universities and regions are each other's greatest strengths. This perspective is exemplified by Thompson Rivers University (TRU). In 2020 TRU adopted a new vision recommitting the university to Indigenous and rural learners and the needs of nearby communities large and small. The impact of the pandemic has accentuated this thinking as universities like TRU look to lead in BC's and the regions' recovery. Universities will play a key role in addressing the economic and social inequalities amplified by the impact of the pandemic. The faculty-student relationship is central to what universities offer — not just delivery of course materials, but the power of mobilizing trained minds to work with communities on solving emerging problems. Through partnership, universities will contribute to positive community change. This includes partnership with other universities as TRU works together with others in the Interior Universities Research Consortium, as well as partnerships with ministries, not-for-profits, health authorities, municipalities, industry, business, and nations. President Fairbairn will give examples of emerging partnerships and some of the problems we need to work on together.



Dr. Brett Fairbairn is a distinguished academic and a passionate advocate for universities and higher education. His special interests include students and access, participatory governance and community-university engagement. As a leader he strives for strategic leadership, relationship development, and a strong value system of integrity, respect and accountability. He became TRU's president and vice-chancellor on Dec. 1, 2018. His prior career as a scholar and teacher included contributions in German and international history, governance of community-based organizations and enterprises, ethics and leadership, and public policy.

